



# NOAA CORPS BULLETIN

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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR**

As 2006 comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and professionalism this year. As noted in the last Bulletin, this has been a particularly challenging year because of setbacks with some of our platforms and the fire at the Marine Operations Center-Pacific. Adversity, however, helps build strength and teaches us useful lessons. I believe we are a stronger and wiser service as a result of successfully handling these challenges.

The year 2007 will be historic for NOAA and the NOAA Corps. It marks NOAA's 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration of our beginnings as a science organization. When President Thomas Jefferson signed the Survey of the Coast legislation in 1807 to protect maritime commerce, he set into motion federal responsibilities that would culminate in today's NOAA Corps and National Ocean Service. Although the NOAA Corps will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a commissioned service in 2007, our roots go back to those early civilian surveyors. Please take time to read the articles on the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration Web site--  
[www.celebrating200years.noaa.gov](http://www.celebrating200years.noaa.gov)--that will educate you on our history, achievements, and future vision.

Many celebration activities are planned for 2007. All NOAA Corps officers receive the OMAO weekly newsletter, which now has a calendar listing upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration events. Some of these events are still being planned and are flexible. Please check the calendar and see if any platforms under your management will be in the area where an event is being held. If you can participate without seriously disrupting your program schedule or impacting your budget, please do so. Take pride in having a significant role in these events. Ships, aircraft, and NOAA Corps officers are among the most visible elements of NOAA, and we can add great value to NOAA's celebration. VADM Lautenbacher recently announced a program called "Postcards from the Field," in which people across NOAA can send in images of NOAA at work in strange and far away places. Take advantage of this opportunity. The "postcards" will go out via email to all employees during 2007.

Whenever you are able to hold tours aboard aircraft or ships, or have visitors at the centers, get a supply of the brochures, posters, and other celebration materials that are being distributed to all NOAA facilities.

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Each of the centers is receiving a large quantity and should be able to provide these materials to the platforms upon request.

As a symbol of NOAA and the agency's roots as a survey organization, THOMAS JEFFERSON will serve as the flagship for the celebration. The ship will be in port in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia, on July 25-26, and will be open for public and group tours. To educate Congressional members and other VIPs on what we do, they will be given an opportunity to tour the ship and attend a reception on July 25 in the nearby Torpedo Factory, which has been converted to art galleries and studios. The NOAA Corps Anniversary Ball will be held on May 19, and will have the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration as its theme. OMAO personnel have been involved in several planning committees and other celebration activities as well, including a film project, a NOAA book, the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration Web site, and a traveling exhibit in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution.

CAPT Dave MacFarland (NOAA, ret.), who is Operations Manager of the NOS CO-OPs program, was asked by the NOAA leadership to lead the NOAA 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration. This is a tribute to CAPT MacFarland's leadership ability as well as to the reputation of our "can-do" NOAA Corps officers. It is up to all of us to take advantage of NOAA's 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration to educate the public about NOAA and its history, to highlight our platforms and activities in support of NOAA's mission, and to make 2007 a year to remember.

My warmest wishes go to you and your families during this holiday season. We are very blessed to have the support of our senior leaders, to be in a position to serve this great country as part of NOAA, and to enjoy as citizens freedom and privileges every day in relative safety. For both work and home, I encourage each of you to take a moment to reflect on your personal goals for the upcoming year, and look for ways to achieve them. No matter where we are in life, there is always room to develop and grow as individuals and as members of an organization or family. At NMAO and in the NOAA Corps, we shall continue to look for ways to improve our service to NOAA and the nation.

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## **BILLET LIST**

Attached to this Bulletin is a current NOAA Corps Billet List. The list has been updated from PCS orders received by CPC through December 31, 2006.

## **I. PROMOTIONS**

Wade J. Blake	CAPT	10/02/06
John E. Herring	CAPT	10/02/06
Brian K. Taggart	CAPT	10/02/06
Karl F. Mangels	CDR	10/02/06
Anne K. Lynch	CDR	10/02/06
Michael S. Weaver	CDR	10/02/06
Peter V. Siegel III	LCDR	10/02/06
Nathan H. Hancock	LCDR	10/02/06
Amanda M. Middlemiss	LT	10/02/06
David A. Strausz	LTJG	10/02/06
Jason R. Saxe	LTJG	10/02/06
Jamie S. Wasser	LTJG	11/02/06
Rebecca J. Waddington	LTJG	11/02/06
Anita L. Lopez	CDR	12/18/06
Jeffrey C. Hagan	CDR	12/18/06

## **II. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS**

NONE

## **III. PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS**

NONE

## **IV. APPROVED RETIREMENTS**

George E. White	CAPT	10/01/07
John E. Herring	CAPT	06/01/07
Timothy B. Wright	CAPT	04/01/07
James R. Meigs	CDR	11/01/07
Matthew H. Pickett	CDR	04/01/07
Jeffrey K. Brown	LCDR	08/01/07

## **V. APPROVED RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS**

Richard E. Hester, Jr.	LT	08/13/07
Amanda M. Bittinger	LT	12/01/07
Misty M. Watson	LTJG	12/15/07
Lundy E. Pixton	LTJG	03/31/07

## **VI. RETIREMENTS**

Thomas G. Callahan	CDR	11/01/06
Philip S. Hill	CDR	11/01/06
Stacy L. Birk-Risheim	CDR	11/01/06

## **VII. RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS**

Louis E. Novak	LT	12/01/06
Russell C. Jones	LT	12/01/06
Seung H. Suk	LTJG	12/01/06
Michael J. Stevenson	ENS	09/01/06

Nathan P. Eldridge

ENS

01/30/07

**VIII. OTHER CHANGES TO THE LINEAL LIST**

Elizabeth N. Crapo

LT

10/13/06

Inter Service Transfer

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